

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1.-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously amended) An exhaust turbo-supercharger for an internal combustion engine;

which comprises an exhaust gas passage for guiding exhaust gas from an exhaust manifold of said internal combustion engine into a catalyst through a turbine case of said exhaust turbo-supercharger;

a straight pipe connected to an inlet of said catalyst and integrated in parallel with said exhaust gas passage as a unit; and

an open/close valve for opening and closing said straight pipe when said engine starts.

35.-59. (Cancelled)

60. (Previously presented) The exhaust gas turbine for an internal combustion engine according to claim 34, wherein

a motor drives said open/close valve for opening and closing said straight pipe.

61. (Previously presented) The exhaust gas turbine for an internal combustion engine according to claim 34, wherein

said catalyst is arranged in said straight pipe.

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